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In re Application of  
Gammon  
Application No. 10/615,096  
Filed: July 8, 2003  
Attorney Docket No. 998-932  
For: VEHICLE SEAT CARGO STORAGE  
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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.10(c), filed October 16, 2003 (certificate of mailing date October 14, 2003), requesting that the above-identified application be accorded a filing date July 8, 2003. A review of Office PALM database records reveals that the presently accorded filing date is July 8, 2003. However, it is noted that the filing receipt mailed October 7, 2003 listed the filing date as July 9, 2003. The petition will be addressed to clarify the record.

Petitioner requests a July 8, 2003 filing date for the above-identified application on the basis that it was deposited in Express Mail service of the United States Postal Service (USPS) on July 8, 2003, pursuant to the requirements of 37 CFR 1.10. The petition is accompanied by a copy of Express Mail label no. EV353596027US showing no "date-in" **and** a USPS date stamp of "JUL 8 2003." The same Express Mail label number is listed on the original Application Transmittal Letter found in the application file. To further bolster petitioner's case, petitioner has submitted a copy of the USPS Track and Confirm record for the package associated with EV353596027US which states it was accepted by the USPS on July 8, 2003.

The evidence presented establishes that the Express Mail package associated with Express Mail label no. EV353596027US was deposited with the USPS on July 8, 2003.

Accordingly, the petition is granted. No fee has been or will be charged in connection with this petition.

The application is being returned to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for further processing with a filing date of July 8, 2003 and the mailing of a corrected filing receipt.

Any inquiries related to this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 308-6712.

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